would be paid @. One lakh each. The persons who were seriously injured would be given Rs. Four thousand and those who received minor injuries would be given Rs. One thousand each as financial assistance. In addition to this, suitable compensation would also be given to those whose properties have been damaged/ destroyed in October and November incidents.

Alleged assault on Babri Masjid

596. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI:
SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there was an attempted assault on Babri Masjid and whether any damage was done to the Masjid on the 30th October or so;

(b) the number of persons killed during the above period and whether it is a fact that the para-military forces were unable to stop fanatics attacking the religious place;

(c) whether the State Government failed in its attempt to anticipate the intentions of the fanatics on both sides and to adopt suitable measures; and

(d) what preventive action Government have taken to preserve the Masjid from the onslaught?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (c) According to the State Government of Uttar Pradesh, a violent mob attempted to enter the disputed shrine. Despite action by police, some elements managed to enter the disputed site. They were soon pushed out by the police. The State Govt. has reported that some damage was caused to the outer walls of the Masjid. Attempts were also made to damage its domes

According to the State Government 16 persons were killed in the firing incidents at Ayodhya on October 30 and November 2.

(d) Suitable steps have been taken by the State Government to provide the requisite security cover to the Masjid for preserving it from onslaughts.

Issue of Industrial Licences

597. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of Industrial licences were issued by Government during the last week of October and first week of November, 1990;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government proposes to make an inquiry into the circumstances of issuing licences by flouting rules and established practices; and

(d) if so, by when the inquiry would be completed and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): (a) and (b) During the period 22.10.1990 to 9.11.1990 a total of 27 Industrial Licences and 37 Letters of Intent were issued. The details of these Licences/Letters of Intent are contained in the Annexures. [*See* Appendix CLVI, Annexure No. 20]

(c) The Industrial Licences and Letters of Intent in question have been issued after following the prescribed rules and procedures. However, the details of these licences are being reviewed.

(d) Does not arise.

Political process to solve Punjab problem

598. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have initiated political process to solve the Punjab problem;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what are the results of such initiative?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (c) The Prime Minister has held meetings on 7th and 8th December, 1990 in New Delhi with representatives of political parties from Punjab. The meetings were attended by representatives of Congress(I), Akali Dal (Panthic), A. D. (Pheruman), S. A. D. (Longowal), C. P. I., C. P. I. (M), Janta Dal, B. J. P., B. S. P. and Janta Dal (S). Various suggestions were made by the participants.

Right to Work

599. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA:
SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to introduce a Constitution Amendment Bill in either House of the Parliament incorporating "Right to employment" as fundamental right therein; and

(b) if so, by when Government propose to introduce such a Bill in the Parliament.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI RAMJI LAL SUMAN): (a) and (b) In pursuance of the decision taken at the meeting of National Development Council, a Committee has been set up to examine the legal, operational, organisational and financial aspects of the approach for achieving the goal of right to work.

Right to Work as Fundamental Right

600. SHRI RAJ MOHAN GANDHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to take steps to include the Right to Work as a Fundamental Right and also to make its economic, industrial and educational policies employment-oriented; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): (a) and (b) The apporach to and modalities of operationalising the Right to work are being examined by a Committee of the National Development Council in accordance with the decision of the Council at its meeting held on 11th October, 1990.

The Eighth Plan Approach document proposes employment as the central thrust of the Plan. For this purpose, the Approach suggests that substantial shifts in the pattern of investment in favour of sectors and activities using less capital and more labour per unit of output would be necessary. The basic elements of the strategy are: rapid and geographically diversified growth of agriculture, diversification of agriculture into high value crops, development of appropriate support and policy framework for the growth of non-agricultural activities in rural areas, emphasis on small and decentralised segments of manufacturing sector, large scale programmes of construction, expansion and strengthening of social infrastructure, education and health, particularly in rural areas and reorientation of education to give emphasis to technical and vocational aspects and development of skills, besides greater priority to mass literacy and elementary and secondary education. Details will be incorporated in the Eighth Plan document.

Delay in Sea Bird Project at Karver and Ezhimala Naval Academy in Kerala

601. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether two prestigious projects of the Indian Navy *viz.* the Sea Bird Projects